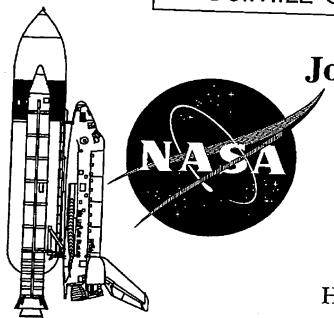
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This supplemental amendment is submitted in response to a telephone interview with Examiner Nguyen on September 22, 2004 regarding the above-identified application. The present supplemental amendment is submitted for the purpose of correcting certain informalities noted by Examiner Nguyen in Applicant's previous amendment, mailed August 5, 2004, in response to the Office action of July 26, 2004. Please enter the amendments set forth below. This supplemental amendment is submitted as a replacement of Applicant's amendment mailed August 5, 2004.